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CIRQUE DU SOLEIL IS BACK IN THE CITY **MAYOR WELCOMES FAN FAVORITE**

NEWS AND COMMUNITY STATEMENT

(August 31, 2011)--- The City of Hartford welcomes Cirque du Soleil to the XL Center. Eight performances of *Quidam* open tonight and run through September 4th.

“Once again, Hartford is a choice destination for arts and entertainment. This particular show has traveled five continents and we welcome it to Connecticut’s Capital City. Cirque du Soleil itself returns to Hartford year after year, captivating our audiences since 2003. We warmly welcome them again,” said Mayor Pedro E. Segarra.

Hartford is an Arts Mecca, rich with cultural offerings. The ripple effect of is far-reaching as the arts generate more than \$240 million for the local economy.

“People choose Hartford for live, one-of-a-kind entertainment and experiences. Cirque du Soleil is just one of many examples. I invite residents and visitors alike to experience our cultural offerings and enjoy our fine dining and historic parks,” said Mayor Segarra.

Cirque du Soleil Presents *Quidam* will be featured on *Spotlight on Hartford* on Government Cable Access Television Channel 96 which streams live on www.hartford.gov.